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For : INFORMATION-SIGNAL PLAYBACK SYSTEM,
INFORMATION-SIGNAL READING
APPARATUS, INFORMATION-SIGNAL
PROCESSING APPARATUS, INFORMATION-
SIGNAL PLAYBACK METHOD,
INFORMATION-SIGNAL READING METHOD
AND INFORMATION-SIGNAL PROCESSING
APPARATUS

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**RESPONSE TO REQUIREMENT FOR
ELECTION OF SPECIES**

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action which issued in the above-identified
application on October 10, 2001, requiring an election of species among those species readable
on Figures 1, 3, 4, 5, 8, and 9, respectively.

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Electron
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It is submitted that claims 1-62 are readable on the above-identified drawing

figures as follows:

Species I, Fig. 1, upon which claims 1-5, 13-15, 20-24, 32-36, 44-46, and 51-55 read.

Species II, Fig. 3, upon which claims 1-5, 13-15, 20-24, 32-36, 44-46, and 51-55 read.

Species III, Fig. 4, upon which claims 6-12, 16-19, 25-31, 37-43, 47-50, and 56-62 read.

Species IV, Fig. 5, upon which claims 6-12, 16-19, 25-31, 37-43, 47-50, and 56-62 read.

Species V, Fig. 8, upon which none of the claims read.

Species VI, Fig. 9, upon which none of the claims read.

Applicants elect, **without traverse**, Species I corresponding to Figure 1, including claims 1-5, 13-15, 20-24, 32-36, 44-46, and 51-55, for further prosecution in the present application.

Applicants respectfully disagree with the Examiner and believe that there are only two distinct species in the present application. Therefore, Applicants respectfully request the Examiner to revise the requirement for an election of species to identify the species as follows:


Species I, Figs. 1 and 3, upon which claims 1-5, 13-15, 20-24, 32-36, 44-46, and 51-55 read.

Species II, Figs. 4 and 5, upon which claims 6-12, 16-19, 25-31, 37-43, 47-50, and 56-62 read.

Applicants reserve the right to file one or more divisional applications, if necessary, to proceed with the examination of the non-elected claims.

An early examination on the merits of the claims of this application is respectfully
solicited.

Respectfully submitted,
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